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FROM AF/W - THOMAS SMITH

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SUBJECT: ACRE PROJECT

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1. I TALKED WITH DALTON GRIFFITH ON JULY 12 AND LEARNED THE FOLLOWING: FIRST, THE HEAD OF NJALA UNIVERSITY CAME TO WASHINGTON AND CAUSED SOME DELAY BY SHARPLY CRITICIZING THE PROJECT AS THEN DRAFTED. AID REVISED IT TO MEET THESE CONCERNS. SECOND, A NEW INTERAGENCY REVIEW PROCESS PUT INTO EFFECT JULY 1 IS REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS IN EXCESS OF \$5 MILLION (ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND THE APPROVAL CAN BE BY TELEPHONE POLL FOR PROJECTS BETWEEN FIVE AND TEN THOUSAND).

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2. AFR/CAWA AGREES ON THE NECESSITY FOR PROMPT APPROVAL, AND I BELIEVE THEY WILL MOVE ON IT. DALTON GRIFFITH WILL INFORM YOU BY AIDAC OF THE STATUS OF THE PROCESS.

3. LET US KNOW IF FURTHER DUSCUSSIONS WITH AID WOULD BE HELPFUL.

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